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Sandy/David/Bill – I think I need to send an email to the entire team outlining my expectations for who will be going to this meeting and their roles at the meeting and going forward. See Below. Let me know what you think. I want to send this sooner rather than later but benefitting from your thoughts.

All – for clarity's sake I have taken liberty to draft and send this email. I feel compelled to do this email because I am a part of this team, am responsible for your success and have also directed the team to initiate work that, at least in part, has precipitated much of the anxiety we are experiencing in Silverton. This is a very important meeting. We have a chance, at this meeting to reset with the community. It is very clear that there is great angst and confusion in the community and amongst local officials and ARSG regarding why we want to investigate beyond Cement Creek and how that relates to the community's fear of becoming a SF site and their perception that our goal is to designate the town a SF site. As such we are going to take great care in clarifying for them what we are doing, why, what we know and what we don't know and why we think it is important to answer some of the questions for which we have no clear answer. I am also proposing that we position our remedial program in a support role at this site. I believe that this will help us moving forward and will not substantively change what we are doing at the site. Steve Way will be our programmatic lead at this site for the present and until/if we need to make a change.

That doesn't mean that we won't have remedial staff and mgt involved, or that we won't continue to collect water and source samples in the upper Animas to support our definition of the loads into the Animas. On June 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have myself, Steve Wharton, Steve Way, Debra Mckean, and Cynthia Peterson present. I do not want to overwhelm the meeting. We will address the questions posed in the Town and County's letter dated

4/14/15. We will do this by having me address the issues associated with our responsibilities, our tools and authorities and what we want to accomplish and how we can accomplish these things. I then want Steve Way to present what we have done, are doing now and why and what we will be doing this summer. Deb McKean and Steve Way will present context around what we have experienced around the Region wrt metals in soils in mining districts. Steve will then provide context for why we brought up sampling residential soils in this community. This will include a brief presentation of what we know about residential soils in and around town (at Rose Walsh, and the other mill and smelter locations). Deb McKean will present why we get concerned about metals in soils in residential settings. Steve Way will present options for answering some of these questions.

Whatever other questions were presented in the Town and County Letter we need to be prepared to answer. I will close reiterating that our goal is not to list, but to protect HH&E.

Thoughts?